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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** the life and military service of Captain Rhett W. Schiller.

Whereas, Captain Rhett W. Schiller was born on November 7, 1980, in Racine, Wisconsin, and died on November 16, 2006, in Balad Ruz, Iraq, while his unit was engaged with small arms fire by anti-Iraqi forces; and

Whereas, Captain Schiller served with distinction as the Executive Officer for Troop C, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Captain Schiller attended the International School of Amsterdam and graduated from the Shanghai American School in May of 1999; and

Whereas, Captain Schiller graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he majored in Chinese, and was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in May of 2003; and

Whereas, Captain Schiller completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Basic Airborne Course, and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, was a platoon leader in Company B, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and later the Executive Officer for Company A; and

Whereas, Captain Schiller was given the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and graduated from the Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader's Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, as the honor graduate; and

Whereas, Captain Schiller was known for caring for his fellow soldiers, raising spirits, and touching the lives of everyone he met; and

Whereas, Captain Schiller made his family, his friends, and his country extremely proud of his courage and bravery as he made the ultimate sacrifice in service of his nation in fighting for the course of freedom; now, therefore be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature honor Captain Rhett W. Schiller for his dedication to his country and express their heartfelt sorrow and deepest sympathies to his family and friends; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Captain Schiller's parents, William and Karla of Waterford, Wisconsin; his fiancée, Tiffany Phelps of Fayetteville, North Carolina; his brother, Marine Captain Ryan Schiller, sister-in-law, Martha, and niece, Olivia, of Temecula, California; his sister, Rhonda Sutaria and brother-in-law, Raj, of Long Island, New York; his sister, Renee Ray, brother-in-law, Captain Brian Ray, and nephew, Kyle, of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; his grandmother, Augustine Evelyn Schiller of Burlington, Wisconsin; his uncle and aunt, Jacob and Mary Klam of Madison, Wisconsin; his aunt and uncle, Mary and Richard Tremmel of Waterford, Wisconsin; his aunt and uncle, Susan and Royal Latshaw of Macomb, Michigan; and his best friend, Neil Munger of Racine, Wisconsin.

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Representative Michael D. Huebsch  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Robert J. Marchant  
Senate Chief Clerk